

1 By Volmer-Clark-Swanson H.S.R. No. 452
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6 R.C. Nichols RESOLUTION

7 WHEREAS, The Honorable Lauro Cruz has served the State of
8 Texas as a member of the House of Representatives since 1966,
9 dedicating his many talents and boundless energy to the better-
10 ment of Texas and its citizens; and

11 WHEREAS, Born on May 20, 1933, in Beaumont, Mr. Cruz is
12 the son of Mr. Manuel Cruz and the late Mrs. Margaret Cruz.
13 Having lived in Texas all his life, Representative Cruz considers
14 Houston his home, as he moved to that city from Beaumont at the
15 age of four months; and

16 WHEREAS, He attended the University of Houston, graduating
17 in 1962 with a degree in political science. He has served his
18 country as a member of the United States Marine Corps; and

19 WHEREAS, In 1955, he and his lovely wife, Clarice, were
20 married in Houston. They are the parents of four fine children,
21 Christopher, age 15, Camille, age 13, Jerry, age 12, and
22 Catherine Stannie, age 10; and

23 WHEREAS, Since he served as a judge for Precinct No. 2 in
24 Houston, Mr. Cruz has been involved in the political affairs of
25 his city and state. Active in local politics, he worked in the
26 Kennedy-Johnson campaign, and later in the Johnson-Humphrey
27 campaign. He has always been concerned with political welfare of
28 Mexican-Americans in Texas, and served as chairman of the
29 Mexican-American Poll Tax Drive and the Viva Johnson-Humphrey
30 Club; and

31 WHEREAS, In 1966 when Harris County was divided into three
32 districts, Mr. Cruz ran for the State Legislature, from Dis-
33 trict 23, winning a seat in the House of Representatives in the
34 60th, 61st, and 62nd Legislatures. He was the first Mexican-
35 American from the Harris County area to hold office at the state
36 level since 1836, when Lorenzo de Zavala served as the first
37 vice president of the Republic of Texas; and

38 WHEREAS, Always involved in his community, Mr. Cruz is an
39 active member of LULAC Council No. 389, S.M.O.M., the political
40 Association of Spanish Organizations, the Harris County Council
41 of Organizations, and the North Side Lions Club in Houston, as
42 well as having served as chairman for Harris County of all
43 Spanish speaking organizations during the Humphrey-Muskie
44 campaign; and

45 WHEREAS, An avid reader, Mr. Cruz prefers histories to
46 fiction and current best-sellers. He is very interested in the
47 stories of successful individuals who have contributed to shap-
48 ing the destiny of the world; and

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50 WHEREAS, Having played almost every sport while in high
51 school, Mr. Cruz now enjoys fishing and tennis whenever he has
52 the time to relax; and

53 WHEREAS, This excellent member of the House of Representa-
54 tives will be honored on June 11, 1971, in Houston, with festivi-
55 ties to be held at the Rice Hotel Roof from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m.;

56 and

1 WHEREAS, It is most appropriate that the Texas House of
2 Representatives commend Mr. Cruz for his outstanding service to
3 the City of Houston and to the State of Texas; now, therefore,
4 be it


5 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the
6 62nd Legislature, by this Resolution, declare June 11, 1971,
7 "Lauro Cruz Day," in recognition of Mr. Cruz's many accomplish-
8 ments in state government, and his dedicated service to the
9 citizens of Texas; and, be it further

10 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this Resolution be
11 prepared for Mr. Cruz as an expression of the esteem and respect
12 held for him by the Texas House of Representatives.
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Chief Clerk, House of Representatives

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HOUSE SIMPLE RESOLUTION

declaring June 11, 1971, "Lauro Cruz Day".

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READ AND ADOPTED

Dorothy Hallman

CHIEF CLERK
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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